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## MRS. VAWTER ON STAND

**Exposes Her Own Shame and Freely Bares Life of Marital Infidelity and Disgraceful Conduct.**

Christiansburg, Va., May 4.—Freely sacrificing her good name to save from prison or worse the man whom she had sworn to love, honor and obey, Mrs. Charles E. Vawter took the stand as a witness yesterday afternoon for her husband, who is being tried here for killing Stockton Heth, Jr., and before a crowded courtroom made a confession of marital infidelity that probably stands without a parallel in the annals of Virginia criminology.

Without a blush for the shame she confessed to, without a tremor in her voice, she admitted that she had been intimate with Heth on more than one occasion, and that when her husband's suspicions had been aroused both she and Heth had lied to him and in that way regained his confidence.

Her confession was the climax to a series of sensations, equaling if not surpassing, anything ever brought out in a murder trial in this State. It was astonishing to hear a woman so completely blast her own reputation; the nonchalant way in which she blasted it was even more astonishing. Again and again she declared she was telling the truth. After she left the stand one of Vawter's attorneys said privately that he had told her no less than five minutes she would never be justified in swearing away her good name to save her husband unless her story was true and that each time she had said: "It is true, and I am going to tell it."

Mrs. Vawter was placed upon the witness stand after the failure of an attempt to bring about an early ending of the trial by having her husband interpose a plea of insanity. It was said that the prosecution was willing to allow Vawter to plead insanity at the time of the shooting, if he would admit that he was still insane. His attorneys, however, declined to enter into such an agreement. They were willing for him to be regarded as insane when he shot Heth, but they did not want him declared insane at the present time; and so the plan to end the trial abruptly failed.

But to go back to Mrs. Vawter's testimony. Briefly summoned, it was to the effect that she had been in Heth's room for two hours on the night her husband caught her coming out of there last May; that her relations with Heth while she was in the room were improper; that, afterward in November, she had been guilty of improper conduct with Heth, and in order to avert the suspicions of her husband she had put the blame on a woman who was visiting her when Professor Vawter noticed things that caused him to ask questions. Finally, she admitted that she was in Heth's room on the night of the shooting about 10 or 15 minutes, just before the shooting, but she declared that he had come to the door, caught her and dragged her in when she went into the hall to get some medicine to give one of her children.

On top of all this she admitted that she was completely under the influence of Heth, or, as she expressed it, he had gained her affection.

She also contended that she had never been indiscret with him, except when she had been drinking, and she swore that she was intoxicated that night in May when she left Prof. Vawter drunk on the parlor sofa and went with Heth to his bedroom. She was so intoxicated, she said, that she remembers but little after leaving the porch until she heard Prof. Vawter coming up the stairs, when she made a dash for her own room, leaving her clothing behind her.

Not all of Mrs. Vawter's statements regarding her relations with Stockton Heth were brought out on her direct examination. It took the cross-examination, conducted by Attorney Lee, to bring out all of the facts, but when he asked questions there was no attempt to make evasive replies. By her confession she proved that Professor Vawter, after what he had seen, might be expected to experience the worry which the defense claims, along with excessive alcoholism, deranged him mentally.

She admitted that Heth had taken liberties with her even before the night in May when her husband caught her coming from Heth's room and had his suspicious aroused for the first time. Counsel, however, objected to questions relating to matters antedating the beginning of Prof. Vawter's suspicions, and the objection was sustained.

Mrs. Vawter was not asked if she had had improper relations with Heth on the night of the shooting. She merely testified that after retiring, she had been aroused by the coughing of her daughter. She got up and went into the hall to get a bottle of medicine to give the child a dose. Heth, she said, heard her and called her name. She answered and Heth told her to come into his room. She refused and he came to the door, caught her and drew her into the room. So far as she remembers the door was not closed.

## PIERCE GERMAN LINE

**Sir Douglas Haig's Infantry Makes A Crushing Drive on the Western Front.**

London, May 4.—The British have pierced the Hindenburg line.

Half an hour after the moon had gone down Sir Douglas Haig's infantry legions leaped forth from their trenches over the parapets yesterday morning and smashed ahead on a twelve-mile front—between the region south of Lens and Croiselles—in the most crushing drive recorded this year.

The Canadians in the fore, they broke through that wall of flesh and steel that has been named after the idol of the Teutons and upon the firmness of which all Germany had pinned its faith in victory.

A network of formidable trenches, field works, hills and dugouts fell to their onslaught, and late this evening the Canadians were firmly established in the village of Fresnoy, to the southeast of Lens and a mile beyond Arleux, where the last British thrust had been checked.

The British thus pushed the "pistol point" of their advance a mile closer to the Lens-Douai railroad, capture of which would spell disaster to the Teutons.

Paris, May 4.—The French in their operations between Soissons and Auberive, according to an official statement, have, since April 16 captured nearly 23,000 prisoners, 175 field and heavy guns, 412 machine guns, 119 trench guns and mortars, without taking into account vast quantities of material of different kinds, stores, provisions and munitions.

The Germans, who had 43 divisions in reserve behind the Franco-British front, according to the latest information, have been obliged since April 9, to throw in 33 of these divisions, and by April 27, seventeen divisions, badly cut up had already been withdraw to the rear to be reorganized.

### SEEKS TAXES ON CEMETERY

**Hustings Court of Richmond Hears Argument Involving Hollywood Association Surplus.**

Whether or not a surplus of $446,896 accumulated by the Hollywood Cemetery Association is liable to taxation was the question argued before Judge Richardson in hustings court in Richmond yesterday. The state of Virginia trying to collect taxes on the surplus from 1903 to 1916, inclusive, the sum sought being $19,818.10, which includes penalty and interest. Leslie C. Garnett, assistant attorney general, appeared for the state, and M. M. Gilliam argued the question in behalf of the association.

Virginia state constitution, it was stated, clearly exempts land owned by such an organization from taxation, but it was contended by counsel for the state that it does not exempt surplus funds, although they are used only for purchase of additional land and for improvement and general upkeep purposes. Judge Richardson took the question under advisement at the conclusion of the argument. The city, which is also laying claim to taxes, did nat participate in argument today, its assessment not having been completed, it was stated. Its taxes would be approximately four times those of the state.

## Alexandria City and Suburbs

The Seventh Day Adventist Church will hold its usual Sabbath School and preaching service at the Odd Fellows Hall Saturday afternoon, the Sabbath School from two o'clock until three, and preaching service at three fifteen. All are cordially invited to attend these service by the pastor, Elder F. E. Gibson.

The Rev. Jared Hayden, of Maryland Park, will preach and conduct communion services at the Christian Mission, 1315 King street, this city, next Sunday at 3 p. m. Sunday School will be held at 2:30.

The Young People's building was filled last night with a capacity audience to hear the excellent program presented by some of Alexandria's best talent for the benefit of the children's free ward in the new hospital. The St. Paul's quartette, Mrs. Harrie White, Mrs. Sherman Bruce Fowler, Mr. Kenneth W. Ogden and Mr. Wilmer Joyce Waller, is always a treat to music lovers. The soloists were Miss Margaret Pattie Finks, Mrs. Robert F. Downham and Mr. Wilmer Joyce Waller, all singers of note. Miss Julia Duncan's recitation's were, as always, splendid. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the piano duet by Miss Ella Hill and Mr. Frederick P. Russell. The accompanists were Miss Ella Hill, Mrs. Frederick P. Russell and Mr. Sherman Bruce Fowler.

The civil service commission announce an examination for road patrolman for service on about seven miles of road between Hunting Creek Bridge and Mount Vernon, Fairfax county. The salary is $720 per year. Applications must be filed with the commission at Washington by May 22d.

The annual "May Ball" of the Junior German Club will be held this evening in the auditorium of the Elks' Home, in Prince street. The program will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, and all are earnestly requested to be in the hall and seated by that time to avoid confusion. The patronesses are the mothers of the members. Admission will be by card only and no one not in fancy costume will be allowed on the floor until after the supper intermission.

At the meeting of the city school board held last evening Superintendent Sweeney was authorized to permit the scholars of the various schools to celebrate the annual May pageant with a parade on Friday, May 18th. About eighteen hundred will take part, and the parade will be of a patriotic nature. The schools will close for the summer vacation on June 18. Teachers for the ensuing year will be elected at the regular June meeting of the school board instead of in July as has been the custom in previous years. The superintendent was instructed to employ the necessary teachers to take the places of those who have accepted other positions.

Mrs. William Roberts and Mr. Powell T. Roberts are visiting relatives in Berlin and Ocean City, Md.

Miss Mildred Keller has returned from a visit to Miss Florence Purvis and Miss Frances Purvis, at their home in Charlottesville.

Arrangements are being made for a Red Cross benefit on Thursday, May 17th, at the Richmond Theatre The proceeds of the affair will be used to purchase surgical supplies.

Mrs. Sallie Fendall Milstead died at her home near Pohick Church yesterday afternoon. The deceased was 86 years of age and is survived by two daughters and a son.

At the monthly meeting of the Free Kindergarten Association the following subscriptions were gratefully received: Mrs. Charles T. Lindsey, Miss V. A. Grigg, Miss Mary F. Grigg, Mrs. Clarence R. Keith, Miss Eliza Roberts, Miss Elizabeth Slaymaker, Mrs. Park Agnew, Mrs. J. W. Monroe, Mrs. Frank Watkins, Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson, one dollar each, Miss Constance Boush five dollars. The Kindergartner reported a very successful mother's meeting when Miss Monroe gave a very instructive talk on first aid. The children had made a flag which is exhibited in Mr. Warfield's window. The association will hold its annual lawn party the last of May.

### TRAVELERS MEET TODAY.

**Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention to Open With Elaborate Program of Entertainment.**

Petersburg, Va., May 4.—The the Virginia Division, Travelers' Protective Association, opened in the Lyric Theater Building in this city at 11 o'clock this morning. The delegates were welcomed to the city by Mayor Robert Gilliam, and the response was made by President C. S Johnson, of Roanoke. A business session followed, at which reports of officers and committees were received. In the afternoon the delegation will be given a ride in autoin and near the city, including the beautiful old Blandford Church memorial, the Lakemont mobilization site and Hopewell. Saturday's session will be devoted to business and election of officers. The banquet in honor of the delegates will be given at the Hotel Petersburg tonight. Many of the prominent business men of the State are delegates to the convention.

As stated in the Gazette yesterday the delegates from Post "F," of this city, in attendance are Messrs. M. L. Price, Albert D. Brockett, Hunt Russell, O. H. Kirk, Robert E. Knight, Clyde C. Lamond, V. Ward Boswell, Walace N. Lindsey, Richard Gibson, T. Harvey Henshaw, T. A. Sommers, J. William May and William H. T. Brooke.

### RHEIMS CATHEDRAL A RUIN

**Roof Collapses in Five Places, Walls Tottering, Says Cardinal.**

Paris, May 4— Cardinal Lucon, describing the present condition of Rheims cathedral in a letter to a friend says:

"The outside apse is completely destroyed, three flying buttresses are broken, numerous pinnacles are smashed off or thrown down, the main body of the edifice in greater part knocked down, the walls have received injuries which threaten their stability and the towers are seriously damaged. The roof and vaulting have collapsed in five places, the south transept and chancel are in ruins and the baptismal fonts are crushed, while the high altar is buried beneath the fallen debris.

"It is the image of the devastation of desolation. The angle where the south transept joins the apse is so badly damaged that a single shell striking above or at the side would bring down the whole and with it the blind arcade."

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## VOLUNTEERS FOR ARMY

**Alexandria Young Men to Apply for Commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps.**

James S. Douglas, Jr., receiving teller, James W. Roberts, note teller, and Charles A. Callahan, bookkeeper, all employes of the Citizens' National Bank of this city, have volunteered for service in the United States army and have made applications for commisions as officers in the reserve corps. The first two have already been accepted and have been ordered to report for further instructions at Fort Myer on May 14th. Mr. Callahan who was found to be slightly under weight, is to be given another examination, which it is thought he will be able to pass satisfactory. At the end of the three months' instructions, if accepted, they will be granted commissions as officers and taken into the regular army.

The board of directors of the Citizens' Bank have voluntarily offered to grant them leave of absence and to hold their positions for them in the bank indefinitely, or until the men notify the directors that they will return for service in the bank. Their positions will be held for them until the termination of the war, if the men so desire. The action of the board of directors is certainly very commendable.

Miss Jean H. Roberts, daughter of Walter Roberts and sister of James W. Roberts, has volunteered her services to the bank during her brother's absence, and Miss Mary Hellmuth, daughter of William H. Hellmuth, is another volunteer and both young ladies will start in training for their bank duties at once before the young men leave.

**Others Who Will Go.**

Among other young men in the city who are to apply for commissions and take instruction at Fort Myer, it is said, are the following: Mr. C. Keith Carlin, William P. Woolls, Windsor Snowden, C. M. Shepperson, Charles Deahl Robert Bitzer, Aylett Nicol, A. L. Uhler and Eugene Lindsey. It is stated that some of the latter have already passed their first examinations and have been ordered to report at Fort Myer by May 14th.

According to the latest reports the men will receive $100 per month for the three months they are under instruction at Fort Myer and that after that time their pay will depend upon the grade of position they are appointed to, should they succeed in passing their final examination at the end of the three months.

### GERMAN REVOLUTIONISTS

**Violent Circulars Issued, but Little Headway Made.**

Berne, May 4—As indicative on the one hand that a revolutionary party exists in Germany that would like to emulate the Russian tactics and on the other hand that at present it is not making great headway, the Berne Tagewacht reproduces a circular which was secretly distributed among millions of German laborers prior to May 1, denouncing Field Marshal von Hindenburg's appeal to them not to strike as "the lying message of the idol of the imperialists."

The circular, says the newspaper, which naturally was suppressed by the authorities, is couched throughout in violent language. It declares the promises to increase the meat and potato rations to offset the reduction in the quantity of bread are only empty mouthings, since there are not sufficient cattle in Germany, and extra potatoes can be given only by drawing upon the seed crop, which in turn spells famine next winter.

The only solution, the circular continues, "is immediate peace—not the peace desired by the government, which is spoiling for the acquisition of territory and which is guided only by the interests of militarism, imperialism, junkers, and capitalists."

The circular calls upon workers to rise by the millions on the first of May, It concludes by saying "Down with the war!" and "Down with the government!"

The Tagewacht also reproduces a second shorter but equally virulent circular, which it says also was suppressed. It asserts that it prints both these documents to show the current feeling in Germany.

**At the Richmond.**

"The Sting of Victory," a five-act war drama, featuring the well-known star, Henry Walthall, will be shown at the Richmond Monday Over 1000 soldiers take part in the picture, the First Regiment of the Illinois National Guard are seen in realistic battle scenes.

Scores of resolutions demanding an immediate peace were passed at Socialist meetings in Austria-Hungary on May Day. It adds that there were no serious disorders, but that the insistance of the people for peace is growing. More than twenty of the peace resolutions were passed in Vienna.

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## WILL REGULATE PRICES

**Sweeping Administration Bill Introduced in House by Chairman of Agriculture Committee.**

Absolute authority to regulate in its discretion the production, distribution and prices of food and other necessaries during the war was asked of Congress yesterday by the administration.

In a sweeping bill introduced with administration approval by Chairman Lever, of the House agriculture committee, it is proposed to empower the President, under the war clause of the Constitution, to take these measures whenever in his opinion the national emergency shall require.

To fix maximum and minimum prices for food, clothing, fuel and other necessities, and the articles required for their production.

To prescribe regulations to govern the production of these commodities and if necessary to requisition the producing factories, mines or other establishments:

To compel holders of necessities to release them in amounts insuring equitable distribution:

To regulate exchanges in such a way as to eliminate market manipulation;

To compel railroads to give preference to the movement of necessities;

To levy such importation duties as he finds necessary to prevent excessive "dumping" of foreign products; and

To impose limitations or prohibitions upon the use of grain in the manufacture of liquors.

In addition, the Secretary of Agriculture would be empowered to establish standard food grades, to license and control the manufacture, storage and distribution of foods, to prescribe the percentage of flour to be milled from wheat, and to regulate the mixing of wheat flour with other flour in the making of bread and other food.

### STILL WANTS INDEMNITIES.

**Peace With German Victory Only Can Bring Alleviation.**

Amsterdam, May 4.—German newspapers publish an appeal for "a German peace," which is signed by a large number of unions and associations representing German agricultural, industrial and economic interests. The appeal says:

"Demands for peace without a war indemnity and territorial extension must be regarded by all patriots as depressing, paralyzing and shameful. Our task is to protect our frontier better, strengthen our influence at sea and by extending our production of raw materials promote our industries and insure our equipment for defense of the Fatherland.

"We need ground for colonization in order to strengthen our people and increase our production of foodstuffs. Only such a peace, which is obtainable only by a German victory, can bring the German people the economic alleviation which it needs immediately after the conclusion of peace."

### ANOTHER GUARD FORMED.

**Company C, Alexandria Home Guards, Organized at Armory Last Night With Forty Members.**

The city of Alexandria is to have another company of home guards as the result of a meeting held in the armory on south Royal street last evening. It will be known as Company C, and will be under the command of the following named officers: Dr. Thomas B. Cochran, captain; William M. King, first lieutenant; Windsor W. Demaine, second lieutenant; R. H. C. Beverley, third lieutenant; Frederick Schneider, S. W. Pitts, Joseph Ewald, A. H. Smythe, James Foster, James McGowan and A .T .Sullivan, sergeants.

There are forty in the company at present and an effort will be made to increase the number up to one hundred. Drills will be held in the armory every Monday evening.

This makes the third company of home guards organized here within the past few weeks and should make the city a veritable armed camp, so to speak, when all three companies are fully equipepd and drilled for service.

Maryland spring chickens at Rammel's cafe.

## MUST PROCLAIM DANGER

**Council of Defense Wants Every Pulpit to Call on People to Defend Flag.**

Ministers of every denomination in Virginia will be asked by the Council of Defense to proclaim from their pulpits the acuteness of the situation now confronting the United States in its war with Germany and the necessity for every man in the State to dedicate his energies toward defending, in one way or another, the flag of his country.

Coupled with the appeal of the council will go a statement from Governor Stuart, emphasizing the seriousness of the condition in which the country now find itself and calling upon "every citizen, every man and woman, young and old, to come to the colors, either as a soldier in military ranks or as a soldier in the field of production and conservation of the resources which we are to contribute to the sum total of America's fighting strength."

The letter to the ministers, which is being sent out by Colonel W. M. Hunley, executive secretary to the council, reads as follows:

"The Virginia Council of Defense, recently organized by the Governor, bespeaks your help in its efforts to arouse the citizens of this State to a realization of the gravity of the situation that confronts us.

"A copy of the Government's announcement of the establishment of the council is inclosed.

"May we ask that you read and emphasize the importance of this significant statement by the chief magistrate of the State at one or more of the services in your church on Sunday?

"This is a matter, we believe, that demands the prayerful and earnest consideration of every element of our population. We ask your active co-operation in the efforts now being made to unite all the people of this Commonwealth in understanding the nature of the crisis we are now facing and in determination to meet it with adequate measures; whatever they may be."

The Governor's statement is as follows:

"The United States, our country, is at war.

"The seriousness of the situation in all its aspects is not fully recognized by the masses of the people. They must be aroused to a realization of our dangers and our responsibilities. A supreme effort must be made by each State in the use of its governmental machinery and in the dedication of the individual and collective influence and energy of its citizens to the common purpose of strengthening the arm of the nation upon which we must rely for victory and permanent peace.

"Virginia today calls upon every citizen, every man and woman, young and old, to come to the colors, either as a soldier in the field of production and conservation of the resources which we are to contribute to the sum total of America's fighting strength.

"To the end that Virginia's part may rise to the full height of the inspiration afforded by the great cause to which we are committed and that her services may know no measure but her opportunity, it is necessary that all her potential energies be classified and organized in such a way as to gear into a great National system of defense."

**Notice to our Patrons.**

We the undersigned, barbers of Alexandria find it absolutely necessary to change our prices on shaving to fifteen cents. We beg to say to our friends that we are about the last in the state or states to be forced into changing our price. We regret the necessity, but the high cost of living, and shop supplies forces us against our wishes, to take this step. For the past year every article we use has advanced far beyond the original price.

This change will take effect, Monday May 7th, 1917.

We will also close at seven o'clock, except Saturdays.

Signed:.

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## "MAKE WAY FOR LIBERTY."

The heroism and great sacrifices made by our northern neighbors, the Canadians, in the war of civilized nations against the Hohenzollerns will go down in history with the valiant actions of those of by-gone days. In the smashes against the German war machine now being made by General Haig the Canadians take prominent parts. Yesterday they wrested Fresnoy from the grip of the Teutonic invaders.

The example of the Canadians should spur our own country into activity at this time. Thousands of these people have been sacrificed in the battles in northern France, but the Canadians are as determined as ever and are still playing prominent parts in that theatre of war.

The Canadians were quick to respond when their mother country was threatened by the Kaiser, and they are in war to remain until the end.

Canada and the United States are the offspring of one common parent. Both realize that the present war is to determine whether the English-speaking of Teutonic races are to dominate this world. It is war for liberty, and all lovers of freedom are called upon to vie in the destruction of German autocracy. Dr. Kamepft, President of the German Reichstag, in a speech before that body Wednesday said Germany was battling for the perpetuation of Kaiserism.

The story of Arnold von Winkelreid has often been told. It should be repeated, however, for the benefit of the present generation, especially at this time.

We are told how, at a critical moment in the great battle of Sempach, when the Swiss had failed to break the serried ranks of the Austrian knights, a man of Unterwalden, Arnold von Winkelreid by name, came to the rescue. Commending his wife and children to the care of his comrades, he rushed towards the Austrians, gathered a number of their spears together against his breast, and crying "Make way for liberty!" fell pierced through and through. He had opened a way into the hostile ranks for his fellow-countrymen, though at the price of his own life.

The Austrians are standing now with their serried ranks. There are many Arnold von Winkelreids in the allied ranks, but none more deserving niches in the hall of fame than our northern neighbors.

## AMERICAN BEET SUGAR.

Twenty-five years ago the sugar produced in the United States from homegrown beets amounted to little over 5,000,000 pounds. In 1909 the quantity had increased to 165,000,000 pounds. Ten years ago, in 1906, the output had grown to 626,000,000 pounds and constituted 10 per cent. of the sugar consumption of the United States. In 1916 the production of beet sugar in this country reached the total of 1,642,000,000 pounds, approximately 20 per cent. of the domestic consumption of sugar. Since the outbreak of the war and up to last year the number of beet sugar factories in the United States increased by 25 per cent. In 1914 the capital invested in such factories was over $142,000,000, and $10,000,000 worth of factories are under construction. The estimate that the investment in beet sugar factories this year will reach $200,000,000, therefore, seems conservative.

The Philadelphia Record says here is a "war-bride" that will compare in plumpness with the best of them. And she shares with the others the characteristic of voraciousness—witness, the retail price for sugar of 10 cents a pound. The factories paid little more than ante-bellum prices for beets, the rate last year being $5 a ton, with a premium for extra high saccharine content. That they got plenty of raw material at the price named is shown by the immensity of their output. The European production has fallen nearly one-half since 1914, from 8,341,000 tons to an estimated total of 44,814,000 tons in 1916-17. There have been no imports from the principal producing countries—Germany, Russia and Austria-Hungary—but European beet sugar never played a very important part in the sugar industry of the United States. Before the tariff revision of 1913 the American factories were able to underbid the Germans in price; so the latter could not afford to send us much. The Russian beet sugar was practically barred out by the customs rulings against alleged payments of bonuses in the form of rebates. Any reduction of imports was more than compensated by increased domestic production. For the doubling of the price of sugar to consumers it is hard to find an honest reason.

## "BE SURE YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT."

Among the warnings given the Israelities by Moses while on the way to the promised land was the headline of this article. The Great Teacher spoke on similar lines when He said "That which has been done in secret shall be proclaimed upon the housetops."

The proceedings in the Circuit Court of Montgomery county at present affords ample fulfillment of these words. Professor Charles E. Vawter is on trial for shooting and killing Stockton Heth, Jr., for carrying on a liason with his wife.

Mrs. Vawter was placed upon the stand yesterday. Unlike a prominent member of a royal family, who is said to have lied like a gentleman when called upon to testify regarding an alleged intrigue, the woman in the Vawter case averred she would tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the trtuh. Before a densely-packed court room the beautiful wife of Professor Vawter told the story of her shame but she averred that her acts of indiscretion were committed while under the influence of liquor.

The great majority of people who violate the laws of God and man assume that their deeds are grave yard secrets. But they are often made as clear as the noon day sun, as in the case of Mrs. Vawter and her paramour.

## BLOCKADING THE SUBMARINE.

Announcement from "a port in Europe" that "the mines newly placed the British in the war zone off the German coast have recently been destroying many submarines," and that "these results have greatly heartened the British Admiralty." will be received with mixed emotions of gratification and wonder on this side the sea says the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The gratification, of course, will be that submarines in any considerable number have been destroyed, while the wonder will be inspired by the fact that the placing of these mines has been so long delayed. To the layman it has appeared obvious that the place to check submarine activities and destroy the submarine menace was as near as possible to their point of departure. Once permitted to reach the ocean or the North Sea, relatively little could be done.

Germany must be blockaded completely, under the sea as well as on the surface, and the allied navies can have no higher function than this. Mines, nets, patrol boats and every other agency of destruction should be used to accomplish this purpose, for its accomplishment would compensate for the loss of a great many ships of war.

## LENGTH OF REVOLUTIONS

The London Observer calls attention to the fact that for its size and significance, the Russian revolution is one of the quickest and least sanguinary on record. Six days practically saw the end of it, whereas more than three years elapsed between the storming of the Bastile and the proclamation of the French Republic. It took six days of barricade fighting in 1830 to persuade Charles X to abdicate; but Louis Phillipe fled in 1848 after only two though the subsequent state of siege lasted four months.

England was 10 years in establishing a commonwealth, and five weeks sufficed to convince James II that French soil was healthier for him than English. The Italian Wars of Liberation occupied most of 1860; and the insurrection in which the Greeks deposed King Otho in 1862 was over in 14 days. The quickest revolution on record was that of Portugal in 1910, which was over in a day.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonable space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writers will of course be responsible for their utterances. As a gusarantee of good faith, the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor Gazette.

Editor Gazette:

A Suggestion.

We are all to have our gardens
In large or small yards back,
So of vegetables, fresh and green,
There sure will be no lack.
But don't you think, when we sit down
To eat our garden stuff,
We'll look around and sigh and say
It certainly is rough.
To have no middling, ham or jowl,
In old Virginia style,
And we'll never cease to wonder,
If 't'will be a long, long while.
Now I think I have a remedy
For this so dreadful state,
'Tis by co-operation,
We've heard so much of late.
Let each householder buy a pig
And have a public pen,
Far away down on the creek shore,
With someone paid to 'tend.
And then when want approaches,
We would have our meat and kale,
To keep our health up to the notch
And not grow thin and pale.

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## CONCERNING OFFICERS' COMMISSIONS

**How and Where Commissions Must be Applied for and Examinations for Same**

Charlottesville, Va., May 4.—Prof. A. M. Dobie, of the University of Virginia, president of the Virginia Division of the Military Training Camp Association and the first man from the state to be accepted in the new Federal training camps, has issued the following in regard to applicants for reserve officerships:

The Training Camp for Virginia Applicants for Commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps will be at Fort Myer, Va., and instruction begins on May 8th. Each applicant for admission must appear in person before an Army Examiner and convince the Examiner that he is a proper person for admission to the camp. Each applicant must fill out a prescribed form obtainable from the Examiner (the form is that found on Page 55, Special Regulation for Officers' Reserve Corps, No. 43, being the Letter of Application for Examination for Commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps) and must attach to the blank, letters of recommendation from three people who know the applicant well. The Examiner has to be convinced of the applicant's physical fitness, and he will probably require examination by an Army Surgeon, or Officer of the Medical Examiner filling out Form D.

The Virginia Examiners are: Capt. C. C. Carson, V. P. I., Blacksburg; Capt. Dorsey Cullen, Fergusson Bldg, Roanoke; Capt. Harry Hodges, V. M. I., Lexington; Maj. Letcher Hardeman, 820 East Broad St., Richmond; Capt. Archie Miller, Ft. Meyer; and the President of the Examining Board at Fort Monroe; also Lieut. Col. James T. Cole, University of Virginia.

## WILL WAR ON U-BOATS

**U. S. and Her Allies Map New Campaign to End Menace.**

America and her allies in the war against Germany will attempt to bottle up the Teuton U-boats at their bases, and thus end the submarine menace. This undoubtedly has been one of the most important, if not the most important, result of the conferences between the British and French missions and officials of the United States government. The allies have reached the conclusion that the best method of dealing with the submarines is to destroy them at their bases, instead of attempting to do so after they have taken to the high seas.

An extraordinary campaign will consist in massing mines, nets and swarms of patrol boats between shipyards where the U-boats are constructed and the open sea. This line would have a front of 125 miles. England once before considered this plan but it was never consummated. It is said that not only Great Britain but all of her allies, including the United States, has now become convinced that this method has the greatest promise of success of any suggested. No invention has been brought out which gives promise of combatting under-sea craft.

Another plan said to be under way is to convert big oil tankers into grain ships. None of these vessels have been sunk because of their unusual bulkhead construction, and where they were torpedoed have managed to keep afloat.

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8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations, Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton) Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisburg to Asnville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville Greensboro, and Charlotte.

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4:02 P. M.—Daily local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M.—Local for Warrenton.

7:17 P. M. Daily—Augusta Special Through train with sleeping cars to Charlotte, Columbia, Aiken and Augusta. Through Sleeping cars to Asheville.

10:02 P. M. Daily—Washington and Chattanooga Limited (viz Lynchburg) First class coaches and sleeping cars to Roanoke, Knoxville Chattanooga, Sleeper to New Orleans, Washington to Roanoke Dining car service.

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P. M.----12 20, 12 40, 1 00, 1 20, 1 40; 2 00, 2 20, 2 40, 3 00, 3 20, 3 40, 4 00, 4 20, 4 40, 5 00, 5 20, 5 40, 6 00, 6 40, 7 00, 7 20, 7 35, 8 00, 8 30, 9 00, 9 30, 10 00, 10 30, 11 10, 11 55.

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The Germans, who had forty-three divisions in reserve behind the Franco-British front, according to the latest information, have been obliged since April 9, to throw in thirty-three of these divisions, and by April 27, seventeen divisions, badly cut up, had already been withdrawn to the rear to be reorganized.

### Mrs. Vawter Ill Today.

Christiansburg, Va., May 4.—Broken by the weight of her own disgrace, self told to save her husband from the electric chair, Mrs. Charles E. Vawter was unable today to resume the stand for continued cross-examination.

The strain of yesterday's sordid confessions so upset her that she remained in bed at her home in Blacksburg. She spent the night there with her husband, who is on trial for the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr.

After producing two witnesses, who testified that Vawter was not drunk the evening of the killing, the defense closed Court then recessed to allow the Comonwealth to confer with First Lieut. Clement C. Heth, brother of the slain man.

Rumors again spread that a compromise verdict was being considered.

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It appears that during one of the marshal's calls at the White House Mrs. Wilson learned that Mme. Joffre was very fond of American ham, which is very scarce in France. Mrs. Wilson sent to Virginia and procured an extraordinary fine ham and sent it to Marshal Joffre, asking him to take it back to Mme. Joffre with her compliments. The ham, carefully packed, will go with the marshal's personal effects when he leaves the United States.

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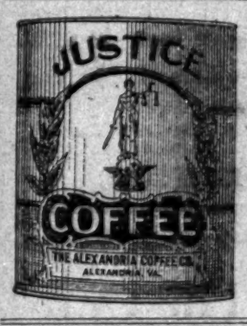


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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The powder factory at Furth, Germany, exploded, killing 521 persons, and a similar explosion at Troisdoorf killed 30, according to reports reaching Basle, Switzerland, by wireless.

The republican government of Russia granted further liberties to the people today when a decree was issued allowing freedom of assemblage and association. The government has sent a note to the allied powers announcing that Russia will do all that is expected of her in the war despite the reorganization of the government.

Dr. B. S. Coupland, rector of Trinity Church in New Orleans, and recently selected by the diocesan council of the Episcopal Church for bishop of the Atlanta diocese, has declined to accept. Dr. Coupland has been ill and was confined to his home when elected at the Macon meeting. Another selection will have to be made by the council at a meeting to be called by Dr. Wilmer, chairman of the standing committee.

It is reported from Vienna that perfect accord prevails between Austria and Germany in the matter of peace.

Stumbling into the plow pit in front of an approaching trolley car, Private Charles S. Fuchs, 25 years old, of Company C, Third Regiment, District National Guard, was instantly killed shortly before midnight last night at the north end of the Highway Bridge, Washington, when the car ran over him, crushing his head. The Guardsman was on duty at the north end of the bridge. When the street car approached he ran out from the guard house and stumbled into the pit that is used to change from the underground to the overhead system. The motorman, Earl Long, of Ballston, Alexandria county, made frantic efforts to stop his car, but was unable to do so before it had reached the pit.

Dan Shay, of Kansas City, manager of the Milwaukee American Association baseball team, shot and fatally wounded Clarence Ewell, a colored waiter in a hotel at Indianapolis, Ind., last night, in an argument over a sugar bowl. The colored man was taken to a hospital where he died a short time later. Shay was arrested, and the police are seeking a woman who is said to have been with Shay at the time of the shooting.


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## MUST PAY STATE TAXES.

**Supreme Court Rejects Plea of Commodore That he is Citizen of no Particular State.**

The plea of Commodore C. M. Fahs, of the United States Navy, that he is a citizen at large and owes allegiance to no particular State, and is, therefore, not liable to taxation in Virginia on $5,000 worth of intangible property, doesn't appear to be sound argument to the Supreme Court of Appeals, which refused yesterday relief to the naval officer from a judgment entered against him in the Circuit Court of Gloucester County.

Under the Stars and Stripes, the commodore sailed the seven seas for thirty-two years. Finally, he retired from active service and took up a temporary abode on property left him by his mother in Gloucester county. He had intended to set sail soon for his wife's home in Scotland, but the European war loomed up on the horizon and kept the commodore in Virginia. The examiner of records came along and refused to consider the exigencies of the situation. The Circuit Court was equally as sure that a man must have a legal domicile somewhere.

The commodore entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis from Alabama. Many years ago he stopped claiming it as his home, but says in his petition that, if a man must be a citizen of a single State, Alabama has more right to boast of a commodore than has Virginia. Since the declaration of war on Germany, the naval officer has been called to active duty again.

## BREAK WITH CHILE DENIED

**Alleged German Alliance False, Says Chilean Envoy Here.**

London, May 4.—Berlin by way of Amsterdam, denies the unofficial report in the Dutch papers that the Chilean Minister at Berlin has asked for his passports.

Washington, May 4 —On instructions from his government Ambassador Aldunate, of Chile, submitted to the State Department yesterday an emphatic denial of a report from Buenos Aires, that a secert alliance exists between Chile and Germany, accompanying the statement with a copy of Foreign Minister Huidabro's note warning Germany that Chile could not submit to the submarine campaign restrictions.

Neither the Ambassador nor the department had advices to confirm cable reports that the Chilean Minister at Berlin had demanded his passports. They thought the situation between the two countries had not reached the breaking point.

All reports from South and Central America agree that there has been displayed an increasing anti-German sentiment. By some of the diplomats here it is believed that this sentiment ultimately will force several of the governments into the war on the side of the United States.

## MINISTER RESIGNS.

**Head of Brazilian Foreign Affairs Relinquishes Portfolio.**

Rio de Janeiro, May 4— Dr. Lauro Buller has tendered President Braz his resignation as minister of foreign affairs. The government has received information that the Brazilian Minister to Germany has been ordered detained in Berlin and has ordered the detention of Adolph Pauli, German Minister to Brazil, who is on his way to Uruguay.

Buenos Aires, May 4.—The newspapers, commenting on the German note expressing regret for the sinking of the Argentine ship Monte Protegido and the promise to make reparation, describe the solution of the trouble as a triumph for the Argentine government. Public opinion generally appears to be satisfied with the amends offered by Germany.

Washington, May 4. — Dr. Lauro Muller's resignation as foreign minister of Brazil is construed by some State Department officials as forecasting Brazil's entry into the war against Germany. Official notification of his withdrawal from the cabinet has not reached the State Department nor the Brazilian embassy, but the unofficial report caused little surprise. The Brazilian congress convened yesterday and President Braz is expected to place before the body all the facts concerning the relations of the two countries and perhaps ask for a declaration of war.


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There is an apple called the Northern Spy, I don't know why. I wish we could rename the biggest, meatiest, most prolific potato the "Kaiser's Defeat," Every potato that grows in American soil this year is as steel-nosed bullet aimed point blank at the heart of autocracy. Big guns and little guns, bullets, shells and shrapnel are doing their share on the battle front, but what America must do is to send food, food and still more food. Every extra potato grown in America this year releases food that can be sent to our fellow fighters in Europe.

America does not ask you to give the extra potatoes you grow, or the extra beets or turnips or beans. It is patriotic service if you just grow them and eat them yourself. The potato you grow and eat lets some other potato, that you would have eaten, climb aboardship and go to help a warring democracy win against a child-murdering autocracy. It is a good thing to throw a trench bomb at the Kaiser, but you can hurt him worse by hitting him in the eye with a home-grown potato. Every American potato eaten by the allies is poison in the stomach of tyranny. Our navy is on the job; awaken the war-winning navy beam!

Our comrades in Europe need food. This year you can serve America as well by killing potato bugs as by killing Prussians. "Bread and Boats" food to feed the Allies and ships to carry it to them—is America's war cry at the moment. Men we will send by millions when the need comes, if it does, but potatoes by the ton we must send. The hundreds of thousands of "rookies" will soon be drilling all over this broad land, and at night they will crawl into their shelters and touch gently the blisters on their heels, saying, "'Blistered for America, for right, and for humanity, by gosh!" Heaven bless the blistered heels of the embryn fighting men of our nation, but don't forget the blistered palms of the man with white hands who goes out to hoe the potatoes! He, too, when he looks at his blisters, can say, "Blistered for America! Long may she stand for the right!" The blistered heel and the blistered palm will win the war; let them be recorded in the Book of Valiant Wounds.

Corn and potatoes, wheat and beans! Speed up old Mother Earth and poke her in the ribs until she yields victory!

Who knows? Our enemies may crumple in a week or a month and shriek for peace, and get it—paying the penalty of aggression. But still we need the potato, the potato you can grow. The fight is democracy against autocracy. The world is being put to the test. Shall men govern themselves or shall autocrats make us slaves? The world crops are short this year. If the war ends tomorrow it will be too late for the peasants to grow food until another year, even if they are released from armed duty a tonce. Hungry nations are always the easiest prey of autocrats. When men hunger, and see their women and children starve, no one knows what they will do, and it is then the wily autocrat gives a handful of corn and wrests away the liberties won by centuries of effort. If the war ends tomorrow America must still send food, to prevent riots and to prevent starvation and to allow democracy to hold its own calmly and sanely until the waste of war is adjusted.

On second thought, I'd call the bigest, meatiest, most prolific potato, not the "Kaiser's Defeat," but the "Hope of Civilization."

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